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AMC names Noncommissioned officer and Soldier of the Year

In a competition to find the best of the best, two Soldiers were selected as the Army Materiel Command's Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year during an awards luncheon June 24 at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club.

Staff Sgt. Christine D. Shannon of the 389th U.S. Army Band (AMC's Own), and Spc. John L. Wild of the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, are the 2005 NCO and Soldier of the year respectively.

Noncommissioned officer competitors were: Staff Sgt. Sheila D. Cox; Staff Sgt. Clint Inniss; Staff Sgt. Nathan R. Seaman (runner-up); Sgt. Patrick M. Blevins; and Sgt. Richard A. Vasquez for the NCO of the Year.

The Soldiers' competitors were: Spc. Jessica L. Lear; Spc. Jose A. Rivera-Alvarez; (runner-up, and recipient of a Physical Training patch); and Spc. Brian K. Vergin.

Both received a Meritorious Service Medal, a plaque, a \$1000 savings bond, an Army medallion, and various gifts from sponsors. The two winners will represent AMC at the Association of the U.S. Army Winter Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

AMC recognized by DoD for small business efforts

The Army Materiel Command was recently recognized by the Department of Defense and Department of the Army's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, for efforts in granting service disabled veterans small business contracts, at the National Veterans Small Business Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

The three-day meeting was a result of a Presidential Executive Order signed October 21, 2004, that requires the government to significantly increase contracting and subcontracting opportunities for service-disabled, veteran-owned businesses.

Scott A. Crosson, associate director for small business at AMC, accepted an award on behalf of the command for the best major Army command Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions program. Christine Wren, a small business specialist from Blue Grass Army Depot, accepted a Federal Agency Achievement Award for topping the three percent national goal for contract obligations to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

Mary A. Birdsong, a small business specialist from the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command, received the fiscal year 2004 Department of Army Small Business Specialist of the Year award for her efforts and contributions to the Army Small Business Program.

AMC hosts conference, family issues discussed

The Army Materiel Command hosted the AMC Army Family Action Plan Conference at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club earlier this month to review family related concerns forwarded from 12 AMC installations.

A board of delegates comprised of two Soldiers, four civilians and four family members, reviewed 27 pertinent issues and narrowed them down to three. The issues were then presented to a group of AMC's leadership, that included Noel Griffin, wife of Gen. Benjamin Griffin; Maureen Viall, deputy chief of staff, G-1; and Col. Jyuji Hewitt, assistant chief of staff.

The three issues were: General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Dental Coverage – nitrous oxide was recommended from conscious sedation and general anesthesia without prior approval from TRICARE; Geographically Separated Military Spouse Employment Preference – recommended that a spouse choose their location while sponsor is on deployment; and Per Dependent Household Weight Allowance – recommended that family weight be decided per family to accommodate large families.

These issues are scheduled for resolution by the Department of Army and will be submitted to the DA AFAP Conference in November.